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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 1733**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Masanori NONOMURA, et al.  
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For : APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING A  
MULTI-FIBER POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING  
FIBER ASSEMBLY  
Group Art Unit : 1733  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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This is in response to the Office Action of March 16, 2007.